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Soldiers from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, load and secure vehicles onto railcars that will transport the vehicles to Fort Polk, La., where the soldiers will train at the Joint Readiness Training Center with 3rd Brigade, 101st Air Assault, from Fort Campbell, Ky. These soldiers, along with soldiers from 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery and 101st Forward Support Battalion, will make up Team Bravo.

Fort Riley prepares more than 1,000 soldiers for Balkans

By Christie Vanover
Staff Writer

For the second time in less than six months, more than 1,000 National Guard soldiers will come to Fort Riley to train-up for their next mission.

Last July, thousands came to support the North Carolina National Guard for Operation Hickory Sting, a Mission Rehearsal Exercise for the National Training Center.

This fall, approximately 1,500 soldiers with the 35th Infantry Division will begin arriving on Fort Riley to train for a deployment to the Balkans, "Stabilization Force 13."

Since 1995, U.S. soldiers have participated in SFOR to provide a safe and secure environment for the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"There was quite a civil war there in the early 90s, and it's our soldiers, as well as soldiers from other nations, that have made that place a much safer and much better place," said Lt. Col. Chuck Sexton, operations officer, reserve component, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley.

The 35th Inf. Div. is an Army National Guard unit headquartered in Kansas; however, this

exercise will also involve soldiers from surrounding states like Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma. "There's actually 18 states in all," said Sexton.

The National Guard soldiers are scheduled to deploy in February, and although SFOR 13 was established before the current war on terror, its mission is similar.

"A stable environment is critical, and what we saw in Afghanistan was a country that was in ruins. The environment was unstable and that's the prime breeding ground for terrorism. Because of what our soldiers and the soldiers of the other countries that are involved in SFOR have done there in Bosnia, they've made that place no longer a good place to be a terrorist," said Sexton.

According to Sexton, Fort Riley was selected as the preparation site because the Department of the Army understands what a great asset Fort Riley is, and it realizes that Fort Riley is probably one of the best places available to train this number of soldiers.

"We have great facilities, we have great support from the local communities and it's just a great place to train," he added.

"We proved with Hickory Sting

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Residents bring issues to Army Family Action Plan symposium

By Lori Bultman
Editor

Army Family Action Plan symposium participants voiced their concerns and presented ideas for improving the quality of life on Fort Riley to Col. Frank Helmick, acting commander, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, and others from around post on Oct. 18.

Members of the six symposium committees out briefed the commander on each group's top three issues resulting from the Teen Symposium, held Oct. 5, and the Adult Symposium, held Oct. 17-18.

The issues teens raised at the out brief included everything from extending pool hours to having shuttles to and from the teen center.

Shanitra Brown, a 7th grader at Junction City Middle School and a military dependent, said she wants the swimming

pools on post to stay open later. Daniel Prior, a 6th grader also from JCMS and a military dependent, said he would like to see the age restrictions at the gym lowered. He also hopes to see work out equipment specifically for younger patrons as well.

The topics the adult groups presented included expansion of hourly care at the Child Development Center and pedestrian safety on Custer Hill, to name a few.

Open discussion of issues is what the AFAP is about.

"The Army Family Action Plan is a grassroots process identifying issues of concern to the Army family," said Becky Willis, program manager, AFAP and Army Family Team Building. Through this process, issues requiring action are prioritized, given measurable objectives for acceptable change and assigned to a lead agency to be worked, she said. The final issues presented at the symposium out brief will now follow this process.

The symposiums are important, and give an opportunity to make improvements that will last, not only here at Fort Riley, but it can also go up to FORSCOM and to Department of the Army, making changes Army wide in some areas, Willis said.

There are many groups represented at the AFAP table.

"This involves a wide variety of people; it is across the board, with all ranks, family members as well as soldiers, male and female, single parents, married couples, single soldiers," she said. "We try to break it out into all ranks and family members, civilians and retirees."

Everyone having any relation to the military can get involved, Willis stressed, pointing out that in addition to the issues brought out at the two symposiums this month, more than 30 issues came in before the symposiums even began. These came in by e-mail or were dropped off at the Family Support Center, she

said.

Now that the symposiums have concluded, as part of the process, a steering committee will be established in order to track the issues and their resolution, said Willis. "The Steering Committee is chaired by the Garrison Commander and includes directorate heads as voting committee members. There are also several non-voting members of the committee. The committee will task all of the issues to the agencies who can make the changes happen or provide input as to the cost and feasibility of making each change. The committee will also decide which issues will be sent forward to FORSCOM."

The community will also be kept informed of the committee's progress.

"The steering committee will report back to the community on the progress and the resolution of the issues, probably through the CAC (Community Action Counsel)," she added.

Willis said that AFAP is not a new thing.

"This is an Army wide process and each post usually has this on an annual basis," she said. FORSCOM has an annual conference and DA will have one as well, she added.

Over the years, the process has brought about many changes.

"This process has brought about changes in laws, in legislation; it has brought about new policies and changes in regulations. New programs have been put into place as well," Willis said.

Willis thought symposiums on Fort Riley were a success, even though changes might not be seen for a while.

"This year's conference went very well," said Willis. "We had a great turn out in participation. The club staff was excellent, the food was great and the out brief went smoothly with the youth and adults both."

Post tests positive for West Nile

The presence of Culex mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus was recently confirmed near the west side of the tactical vehicle motor pool on Custer Hill.

Bill Wildman, Environmental Entomology technician, MEDDAC Preventive Medicine, collected the mosquito samples on Sept. 5.

The samples were then sent on to the Kansas State Research and Department of Entomology's West Nile Virus Surveillance Program at Kansas State University where the results were confirmed to be positive for the virus.

Although Fort Riley has been hit with frost, the cold temperatures don't kill off this species of mosquito, according to Wildman. "You've got to have some hard freezes - temperatures down in the mid-20 degrees Fahrenheit that remain there for several hours."

When temperatures drop, the Culex mosquitoes go into hibernation, and will come out of hibernation if the weather becomes warmer. Those carrying the WNV can still infect humans and animals when they come out of hibernation.

"Come next spring, Fort Riley

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Tax forms to be available online

By Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

Defense Finance and Accounting Service is putting pay information at the fingertips of the military community.

Beginning in January, the 2002 W2 tax forms will be available online through DFAS' myPay system.

A personal identification number is needed to access personal accounts. Service members, retirees and civilian employees who do not remember receiving their PIN or do not remember the number can go to <http://www.dfas.mil/> and click on myPay, which is under the "Money Matters" heading.

Due to security reasons PINs are mailed to the recipients, and it could take from three to seven days to get the number after the request has been made, said Catherine Ferguson, a DFAS spokeswoman.

"We decided to put the W2 form online because we get a lot of phone calls from soldiers who are deployed, have lost their originals or for some reason need another copy," Ferguson said.

Troops can concentrate on their mission when they are not worried about pay and benefits, said Dennis Eicher, Electronic Commerce, Military and Civilian Pay Services director. That is why DFAS is providing innovative and

reliable tools, he said. Troops can take charge of their pay accounts online, Eicher added.

Some of the other financial actions that can be performed online to date are: purchasing savings bonds, managing allotments, viewing and printing travel vouchers.

Reviewing leave and earning statements online as far back as three months and stopping the delivery of the hard copy is also an option, which can save the Armed Forces money, Eicher said.

If just civilians received their LES statements electronically the Department of Defense would save more than \$6 million annually, Ferguson said. It cost 34 cents every time a hard copy LES is distributed, she added.

Additional costs can also be avoided by eliminating customer service activities, Ferguson said.

"One of our goals is to allow customers to do online anything that they previously had to stand in line or wait on the phone to accomplish," Ferguson said.

myPay was formerly known as Employee Member Self Service system. The system changed, but people don't have to change their PINs, Ferguson said.

Customers with questions about myPay can call customer support at 1-800-390-2348, Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. EST.

Flu shots available to select few

By Emilie Howe
MEDDAC PAO

Irwin Army Community Hospital is now administering influenza vaccinations to 6-month-old infants and beneficiaries who are identified by their Primary Care Manager as having high-risk medical conditions. Beneficiaries who have the following medical conditions are to go to their primary care clinic for their flu shots. The medical conditions are:

- * persons with chronic lung or heart conditions
- * chronic disease management patients
- * long-term aspirin therapy patients

- * women in their second or third trimester of pregnancy
- * Immunization for the active duty servicemembers being pushed first to those units most likely to deploy," said Dr. (Capt.) Robert Russell, chief of MEDDAC Preventive Medicine.
- The next in the line of priority are active duty servicemembers. In late November or early December, beneficiaries age 50 and older, will be eligible for the flu shot. The November dates and times for receiving a flu shot at Irwin Army Community Hospital immunization clinic will be announced at a later date.





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Letter to the Editor

Former firefighter remembers

One Friday this past October when passing by the Fort Riley Fire Department, I noticed the firefighters doing scheduled maintenance on their equipment. What really caught my eye was "Old Glory" waving proudly atop the 105 foot extended aerial ladder.

This magnificent site brought back fond memories of my days as a fire fighter with the Junction City Fire Department. Doing routine maintenance on the aerial ladder several times a week gives firefighters a stronger sense of security knowing the hydraulics and structural integrity of the ladder will not fail him or her 80 to 90 feet in the air, with another 50 to 80 pounds of equipment strapped to their back during a fire fighting situation.

Displaying our United States flag atop "Ladder One," the FRFD also instilled a sense of security in me, making me thankful for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States.

As a former fighter, I can imagine how proud our Fort Riley team must feel about the job they do as firefighters.

Bob Leister
President
American Federation of
Government Employees



Post-G Skidmore

Firefighter Lester Kaiser stands proudly as the United States flag waves on top of "Ladder One" of the Fort Riley Fire Department.

Snow removal season nears

Unit commanders, activities and family housing occupants are reminded of the provisions of FR Reg. 420-14 of their responsibilities to ensure snow/ice removal within 24 hours of each snowfall from sidewalks, steps and stairs, to include sidewalks to building mechanical rooms. Areas of responsibility are designated in FR Reg. 10-1 and are generally within 75 feet of your facility. Rock salt (sodium chloride) will not be used on concrete or asphalt surfaces. Sand is provided for this purpose at the open area located northeast of CPO, building 319, on Marshall Avenue.

De-icer is available to family housing occupants through the self-help store, building 289, for use on porches sidewalks and driveways. Troop units may obtain de-icer by submitting a workorder request, DA Form 4283, to Public Works, building 372, using NSN 6810-01-278-6133. De-Icer, 100 pound drum.

When driving during winter, please be careful when meeting or following sand spreading trucks or snow plows. When approaching oncoming sand or plow trucks, drive to the extreme right of your traffic lane, as conditions allow. If you are coming up behind sanding trucks, stay back a minimum of 100 feet, and do not attempt to pass. Sand, salt and small stones thrown by the spreaders can and have broken windshields and side windows.

There is also a parking policy in effect during snow removal operations on Fort Riley.

The snow removal season officially begins Oct. 1 and ends April 30, 2003. When snow or icy weather is predicted during this time period, the following parking policy is in effect. Parking will be on one side of the street only. When snow and/or ice is predicted, all vehicles will park on the even building numbered side of the street on even calendar dates and on the odd side of the street on odd dates. The only exception is where there is no parking on one side of the street. No parking signs are still in force and will not be violated. For residents of Meade, McClellan and Burnside communities: If there is a major

snowfall during workdays, please open as much area in the parking court as possible. Residents of Schofield Circle should park on the house side on even numbered days and the parade field side on odd numbered days. Streets with residents parking in violation of this policy will not be cleared, as it is unsafe for both residents and snow clearing equipment.

An announcement will be issued on Fort Riley's Channel 2 when the Installation anticipates snow or ice conditions. Alternate side parking will continue until the road is cleared from curb to curb. All residents should maximize the use of their driveways to reduce the numbers of vehicles on the street during the snow removal process.

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Soldiers sweep Army Ten-Miler

By Tim Hipps

Army News Service

Ryan Kirkpatrick led a group of U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program runners to a sweep of the top four spots in the 18th running of the Army Ten-Miler, which began and ended at the Pentagon Oct. 20.

First Lieutenant Kirkpatrick, 24, a native of Hendersonville, N.C., stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., trains in the lofty altitude of nearby Boulder with coach Arturo Barrios and other Army WCAP distance runners.

He left the lead pack during the race's second mile and steadily pulled away to win the world's largest 10-mile road race in 48 minutes, 35 seconds.

"My thought was the first mile was too slow and I wanted the pace to be faster," said Kirkpatrick, who left his teammates after running the first mile in 5:03 and went on to complete the race with a 4:51 pace. "I didn't want it to come down to the last couple of miles. It was like: If I'm going to win this, I want to go from the start."

Problem is: One is the loneliest number.

"I was running scared pretty much the whole race," Kirkpatrick admitted. "But I knew I wasn't going to look back until the nine-mile mark. I knew by then that I was in control."

So did the remainder of the record field of 11,901 runners.

"I guess Ryan really knew himself; he knew what he was doing," said ninth-place finisher Sammy Ngatia, who waited two years to defend his title from the 2000 Army Ten-Miler because the 2001 rendition was canceled by security concerns immediately following the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. "He was really strong today. For me, it was too windy to try to catch up at the end."

Capt. Scott Goff pulled away from WCAP training partners Spec. Christopher England, Sgt. Sandu Rebeneuc and Sgt. Phillip Castillo during the final mile to finish second in a personal-best of 49:06.

"It was a little cold and windy out there, but it was a good race," said Goff, 26, a native of Barrington, R.I., who was content with the early pace. "Ryan made a good move and we hung back just a little bit. We thought maybe we could catch him late, but he was just too strong."

England, 28, a water treatment specialist from Jackson, Wyo., finished third in 49:13, and was followed by steeplechaser Rebeneuc, 33, a native of Romania, in fourth place.

"Captain Goff was setting the pace," England said. "We were just trying to hang on. I've been struggling the whole year, so this was a very good run for me. I finished strong."

Italian soldiers Buttazzo Gianmanco, 25, and Sebastiano Mazzara, 27, both from Rome, interrupted the parade of Americans in fifth and eighth places in 50:01 and 50:58.

Castillo, 29, a quartermaster marathoner from Acoma Pueblo, N.M., finished sixth in 50:10, and was followed by Teddy Mitchell, 30, of Fort Carson, Colo.

Old faithful Ngatia, 43, of Fort Carson, led all masters by finishing ninth overall in 51:17 with a valiant defense of his crown. Ngatia, among the mix in all six of his Army gallops around Washington's storied monuments, said he was happy this time simply to return to the streets of the world's most powerful city — back onto roads closed for his title defense of a year ago.

"That means a lot," said Ngatia, a native of Kenya who never thought he would race the streets of America's capital with a sniper on the loose.

"I'm glad we showed people that we must go on with life. It's in the back of your mind that there's a sniper out there somewhere. You cannot turn that off, but you try to put it out of your mind while you're running."

"I've never seen such tight security here. We usually can get out of the parking lot and get to run around to warmup, but not today."

Casey Smith, 23, of Arlington, Va., won the women's division in

58:21, and was followed by former Washingtonian Martha Merz, 40, of Mystic, Conn., in 59:49, and Elizabeth Scamlon, 31, of Alexandria, Va., in 1:00:19.

After the canceling of last year's Army Ten-Miler because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, this year's rendition was run under heavy law enforcement scrutiny because of the Beltway Sniper who has been terrorizing Washington-area residents in the two weeks leading up to the race.

"I figured that a sniper couldn't hit someone running five minutes per mile," quipped Kirkpatrick.

"As long as I'm out of town tomorrow. Last year this race got canceled on Tuesday before the race, and we were ready to drive on. We were prepared for any sort of circumstances."

"I'm glad this thing went off today. It proves a point in the nation's capital that we can hold an event with this many people and it comes off untinged with no problems."

Ditto from England, 28, of Columbus, Ohio.

"Being in the nation's capital and being in the military, especially with everything that's happened in the last year, it was — I don't want to say culminating event, but for the year it was a great event. It's very inspiring with all the spectators and fellow military cheering us on."

"I would've been disappointed if the race was canceled because of the sniper or any other issues. I just think that's fueling the fire. This is a huge statement, saying: 'Hey, nobody is going to slow us down.' This is why we're the greatest nation in the free world."

As steadfast as Ngatia was about defending his title, he was equally touched by the Army's decision to stage Sunday's 18th running of the world's largest 10-mile road race.

And you can rest assured that he will return.

"Just tell them: 'Next time, the old man is coming to get them,'" Ngatia said of the WCAP's front-runners. "Tell them I'll be back."

See Fort Riley's Army Ten-Miler results in next week's Post.

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Combat engineers prepare for JRTC

By William Biles
Staff Writer

Combat engineers from Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion, are slated to go to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., Oct. 29-Nov. 25, as a mobility and survivability asset for Company B, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor and part of Company C, 1st Bn., 16th Infantry.

The engineers will be split up into teams and attached to the armor and infantry units, who will also be in teams, said Staff Sgt. Les Coleman, combat engineer, Company C, 1st Eng. Bn.

The teams (red, white, blue and green) will consist of two Abrams M1A1 tanks for forward security, two Bradley Fighting Vehicles for rear security and one Armored Personnel Carrier for the engineers to provide the mobility, Coleman said.

The engineers have been prepping for JRTC by performing train up exercises with their teams.

"We (Green Team) are working with some very professional soldiers and leaders from the 1st Bn., 16th Inf. and 2nd Bn., 34th Ar.," said Coleman.

The engineer's main role at JRTC will be mobility for Task Force Bulldog. That will include route clearance, breaching obstacles and ensuring the routes are cleared and open for the follow-

on forces by making sure the enemy forces have been minimized, he said.

"The most dangerous part of our mission is being engaged by the enemy," Coleman said. To minimize the chance of engagement, the teams follow the procedure of: Suppress, Obscure, Secure, Reduce and Assault," he said.

The first vehicle that identifies an obstacle will suppress it with gunfire, giving the rest of the team time to take cover, Coleman said.

Second, the team will obscure the obstacle with smoke by either using smoke grenades or calling for artillery on the proper grid coordinates, he said.

Once the obstacle is obscured, the next step is to secure the area for the breach team.

After the team is confident the area is secured, the engineers spring into action to reduce the obstacle. According to Coleman, in order to reduce the obstacle, the engineers will roll up to within a few hundred meters of it. Once the APC has stopped, the ramp will drop and the machine-guns will run out and post security for the grapple, he said.

The grapple man will then run out and grapple his way up to the obstacle. "He's grappling toward the obstacle to make sure there are no trip-wires for booby-traps," said Coleman. After the grapple

man reaches the obstacle, he'll post added security, then the Demolition Team will run up to place whatever explosives are necessary to be able to breach the obstruction and thus reducing it for the follow-on forces, he said.

The assault portion of the mission is when the squad secures the far side of the breach and holds it until the infantry troops can move up with their Bradleys and take the fight to the enemy, added Capt. Tyler K. Faulk, company commander, Company C, 1st Eng. Bn.

"My job as a squad leader is to have command and control over the breach force, with safety being the number one concern," Coleman said. "I also perform quality control of the emplacement of the explosives to ensure the effectiveness of the charges."

Once the breach is accomplished, the engineers ensure the lane has been cleared and mark the opening and exit of the breach, and the lane within it, for the follow-on force.

After the breach force completes their job, the security force rolls through and searches for any enemy cache points to seize, secure, dismantle or destroy.

"My team's morale is very high," said Coleman. "I feel real confident that we will be successful in our mission."

Talk Around Town

"Do you think living off post or on post is better?"



"Living on post is better. I feel more secure and safer having our base with limited access."

Jennifer Nazario
Military Spouse
HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.



"Living off post is better because you don't have to deal with the living regulations and neighborhood rules."

Spec. Francisco
Rubalcava
Cannoneer
1st Bn., 5th FA



"On post -- it is easier to get back and forth to work, and it's more affordable to live on post with a large family."

Sgt. Brandon Ruzbacki
Avenger Crewmember
1st Bn., 4th ADA

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are still advised to take precautions, especially on unseasonably warm days.

The Centers for Disease Control recommends applying insect repellent containing DEET when

people are outdoors. On post residents are encouraged to reduce standing water around their quarters and to report dead bird sightings to the military police at 239-6767 or the Fort

Riley Veterinary Services at 239-3886.

For more information on WNV, visit the CDC at www.cdc.gov and click on West Nile Virus.

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this summer that we can conduct a pre-NTC MRE, for the enhanced Separate Brigade, and that we are capable of executing the same type of MRE operation for all CSBs prior to their NTC rotations," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley.

"We will mobilize the 35th ID for SFOR 13 at Fort Riley beginning Nov. 1, and we have been given the warning order to conduct the 34th ID's SFOR 14 MRE at Fort Riley under the C2 of First Army.

"Just as we believe we have the training capability to support all Esb MREs, we believe we can do so for Balkan MRE's. We are standing by ready to help the Army's training needs in any way we can," he added.

Fort Riley's 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (TS) will conduct part of the 35th Infantry Division's 90-day training. It will form a Mobilization Assistance Team, escorting soldiers through different training stations.

In addition, the unit will support Fort Riley's first-ever Theater Specific Individual Readiness Training lanes. This type of training is traditionally conducted at Fort Benning, Ga.

"The Theater Specific Individual Readiness Training is designed around the combatant commander's desires for specific individual training for the soldiers who are about to deploy in his area," said Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Elder, command sergeant

major, 3rd Brig., 75th Div. (TS). "The combatant commander decides what critical tasks need to be emphasized, and what each soldier needs to be certified on prior to their deployment," Elder said.

"Through multiple training sites these lanes trainings are conducted to prepare those soldiers," he added.

These tasks include specialized training like convoy operations, responding to mines and how to handle unexploded ordnance, and general soldier skills like shooting rifles, battle drills and first aid.

The 3rd Brigade and its sister brigades, the 2nd Brigade from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and the 4th Brigade from Fort Sill, Okla., will establish stations in Fort Riley's training areas.

"We will have instructors that will establish and enforce the action, conditions and standards, and we will evaluate each soldier to make sure that they can perform those tasks," Elder said.

"Once they perform to that standard, we will certify them as trained," he added.

"Furthermore, before they're actually sent away, this brigade will give a thumbs up to the installation commander that they are in fact trained to the level as specified by the commander overseas. Until that happens, they stay in and train," added Col. Gasper Gulotta, commander, 3rd Brig., 75th Div. (TS).

"Our soldiers never go into harm's way untrained," said Sexton.

"That's the contract that we've

made with the American people. They've paid for the best and by gosh we're going to give them the best."

"The training they're going to receive here at Fort Riley will definitely make them the great ambassadors of the United States and the American people can be very proud of their soldiers," said Sexton.

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Briefs

Turkey Shoot

The 4th annual Fort Riley Turkey Shoot will be held Nov. 2, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Outdoor Recreation Center. The event is open to the public. Activities at the event will include: an adult turkey shoot for \$2.50; free archery; a junior turkey shoot for \$2.50; master gunner competition for \$10; junior master gunner competition for \$10 and a shooting skill video game. One in five was a Thanksgiving turkey! To register or for more information, call 239-2363.

BOSS Haunted House

The BOSS Haunted House is open Saturday through Monday, 7 - 10 p.m. Adult admission is \$3 and children are \$2. The Haunted House will be at building 212 on Main Post. For information, call 239-8147.

Halloween Party

There will be a Halloween party at Rally Point, 2600 Trooper Drive, Camp Forsyth, Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. There will be a variety dance and country music. There is no cover charge for this event. There will be contests for best costume and other exciting events.

Special Forces

The Special Forces recruiter will be visiting Fort Riley Nov. 4 - 8. The briefings will be held at the Post-Reup building (7626). Briefings will be held at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily. There will be an additional brief at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday of that week. A PT test will be conducted at Long track at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week as well. Candidates will wear BDUs and running shoes. For information, call Sgt. 1st Class Aubrey Hawkins, (719) 510-4493.

Access Hours Change

Beginning Oct. 25, the Rifle Range and Estes Road gates will be open to outbound traffic on Fridays from 3-5 p.m. It will continue to be open Monday through Thursday to outbound traffic from 3:30-6 p.m. This change has been implemented due to Fort Riley's new workday schedule. GATE HOURS: Trooper Drive (Junction City), Huebner Road (Ogden) and Henry Road (I-70) — Open 24 Hours; 12th Street (K-18 - Delivery Access) — Open 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Estes Road (Old Hwy 77) and Rifle Range Road (Hwy 77) — Open to incoming vehicles w/ DoD Decals 5-8 a.m. and open to outbound traffic Mon.-Thurs. 3:30-6 p.m. and Fri. 3-5 p.m.; Grant Avenue (Junction City) — Open to vehicles w/DoD Decals 5 a.m.-11 p.m. and open to visitors

8 a.m.-11 p.m.

Native American Observance

A Native American Observance is scheduled for Nov. 4, noon - 1 p.m., at Kapaun Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend.

Non-use List Update

The KCI Roadrunner has been taken off of the non-use list and placed back into use status due to passing their latest Military Traffic Management Command inspection.

Reward Offered

On Aug. 11, between 10:30 and 11 p.m., an anonymous call was made to 911 reporting a fire at the Main Post Shopette. The fire department responded and the fire was extinguished.

If anyone has any information about the fire or the individual who reported it, please call the Fort Riley Criminal Investigation Division, Special Agent Jim Supryniewicz or Investigator Matthew Casper, 239-2450.

CID would just like to speak to the reporting caller to try to obtain more information about the fire. Anyone responding to CID can

remain anonymous and may receive a reward.

Operation Santa Claus

Santa's elves are gearing up for the Christmas holiday with Operation Santa Claus. It will be in operation from Monday through Jan. 15, 2003. Santa's workshop is located in building 222 on Main Post.

Soldiers, family members, civilian employees and organizations from Fort Riley and surrounding communities may make donations of toys and supplies, as well as cash contributions. Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts.

The program was established to make the holiday brighter for children of Fort Riley soldiers and aid civic organizations in serving the needs of children in the region.

The program has been in existence since 1968. To help, call 239-3034.

Pre-retirement Orientation

The semi-annual Pre-Retirement Orientation will be conducted Nov. 7, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., with registration starting at 7:30 a.m. at Riley's Conference Center, building 446. This orientation is for

individuals that have submitted their request for retirement, however, any soldier contemplating retirement in the near future is welcome to attend. The purpose of the orientation is to pass along information concerning rights, benefits and responsibilities in conjunction with retirement. Soldiers that are eligible for early retirement (medical reasons) should also attend. Spouses of retiring personnel and prospective retirees are invited and encouraged to attend. This orientation is a requirement IAW AR 600-8-7 and soldiers may attend as many times as they wish. For further information, contact the Retirement Services office, building 210, or call 239-3320/3667.

Special Olympic Volunteers

The Kansas Special Olympics will hold the Fall classic event Nov. 22 - 23 at the Custer Hills Bowling Center. Up to 180 volunteers are needed in order for these special athletes to enjoy the competition. Volunteers are needed on Nov. 22, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Nov. 23, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 12:30 - 4 p.m. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt. For more information, email charles.ryan@riley.army.mil (preferred) or call 239-3594.

Tobacco cessation

New classes are forming to kick that tobacco habit. Irwin Army Community Hospital offers a four-week tobacco cessation program, which meets on Wednesdays, 5 - 6 p.m. or Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. For those concerned about gaining weight after kicking the tobacco habit, a

dietician teaches participants healthy ways to avoid weight gain.

Active duty uniform service members, their families, retired military and DoD civilians may participate in the tobacco cessation program.

For more information, contact Community Health Nursing at 239-7323.

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Thanksgiving Service

The Annual Thanksgiving Post-Wide Ecumenical Worship Service will take place at Kapaua Chapel, Nov. 27, 12:15 p.m. All are invited to attend.

ACAP Job Fair

The Army Career & Alumni Program is sponsoring a Job Fair today, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the ACAP Center on Main Post, building 210, room 7, Custer Avenue. There will be employers present to talk with and interview prospective employees for positions throughout the United States and some overseas locations. A list of employers invited to this Job Fair will be posted in the ACAP Center, building 210, room 6. Research the companies that you would like to visit. The internet is a good place to start. Be ready to talk to employers and be enthusiastic about the skills you have to offer. Have your resume ready, but if you do not have your resume completed, come anyway as you can always send your resume to employers that ask for it later. Come dressed as though you are going for an interview, you may be meeting your next employer for the very first time, so make a good first impression. Visit the ACAP Center or call 239-2278/2068 for more information.

Diabetes Education

The diabetes education class will be held Nov. 7, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Nutrition Care Division classroom at IACH.

This is a four to five hour class that will cover diabetes types and symptoms, hyperglycemia, nutrition, exercise, glucose monitoring, oral diabetes medication, insulin therapy and standards of medical care for diabetic patients.

To enroll in the Diabetes Education Class, patients must have a referral from their primary care manager or a community-screening program. Patients who have a referral for the Diabetes Education Class are to call the local TRICARE Service Center at (785) 784-1200 or call toll free 1-800-874-9378.

InTouch

Sign up for e-mail updates to receive information about news and events happening on Fort Riley. Subscribe to InTouch at <http://www.riley.army.mil/InTouch/>

Housing Pre-term Briefing

Effective next week, pre-termination briefings for housing residents will be held only on Tuesday afternoons, 2 p.m. The briefings will be held on the third floor of Carr Hall, building 45. Pre-termination inspections at quarters can now be scheduled for Tuesdays - Thursdays. Call 239-3525 to schedule the pre-term appointments.

Martial Arts

Martial Arts beginner and advanced classes are held at the Teen Center, building 5800, every Saturday. The beginner classes meet 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and advanced classes meet 2 - 4 p.m. for boys and girls ages 6-18. Cost is \$20 per month. There are currently openings at both levels, with most of the openings at the beginner level. Movement to the advanced class is with instructor permission. Classes are on-going throughout the year, and students can be enrolled at any time if space permits. Contact Central

Enrollment at 239-4847 for more information.

High Risk Breast Cancer clinic

A High Risk Breast Cancer Clinic will be held Monday, 8 - 10:30 a.m. and 1 - 3:30 p.m. in the Combined Surgical Clinic, Irwin Army Community Hospital. Beneficiaries must be referred to this clinic by their Primary Care manager, who has determined that the woman is a high risk for breast cancer, has recommended a consult and instructed the patient to call the TRICARE Service Center to book an appointment. Your eligibility for attending the High Risk Breast Cancer Clinic are based on the following risk factors: family history - the patient's mother, sister or daughter were diagnosed with breast cancer, personal history - invasive breast cancer, non-invasive breast cancer or atypical hyperplasia, age 35 - 50-years-old and combined with one of the above factors or 25 - 29-years-old woman who is within 10 years of the age of their youngest relative (mother, sister or daughter) diagnosed with breast cancer. To make an appointment for the High Risk Breast Cancer Clinic, call at 784-1200 or call toll free 1-800-874-9378.

Garrison Commanders Address

The Garrison Commander will address the civilian workforce Nov. 12 in building 200. There will be two sessions, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., with transportation pickup as follows: Bus 1 - Division Headquarters, building 500, Bus 2 - Irwin Army Community Hospital - Main Entrance, Bus 3 - DOL, building 8100, Bus 4 - Public Works, building 330 and Bus 5 - Soldier Family Support Center, building 7264. Buses will depart at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Leave Donation Program

The following employees are facing a medical emergency and are needing our help, they are enrolled in the Leave Donation Program and facing LWOP: CPA-CLT0214, CPA-CLT0219, CPA-CLT0220, CPA-CLT0221, CPA-CLT0222, CPA-CLT0223, CPA-CLT0224, CPA-CLT0301 and CPA-CLT0302. Please contact

your POCs for forms to donate leave to these individuals.

OCSC News

The Fort Riley Officers and Civilians Spouses' Club will be holding its annual Basket Auction tonight, at Riley's Event Center. Basket viewing will begin at 6 p.m., buffet dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and auction will begin at 7 p.m. The theme for this event is "A Night at the County Fair." Everyone, including spouses, is invited to this fundraiser, which will benefit the OCSC Community Assistance Fund. Cost is \$15 per person for dinner. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Gina Greene at 784-2884 or Kim Crusinberry at 537-1116, if you live in Manhattan. Limited childcare is available at the Armed Forces YMCA. Childcare reservations can be made by calling Donna Coulson at 784-2404.

Leaf Pick-up

Leaf pick-up with the Public Works leaf vacuum machine will commence in areas of heavy tree concentration on Nov. 1. Weather permitting, the leaf pick-up schedule is as follows, with emphasis given to Family Housing areas in these locations: Main Post - Mondays & Tuesdays, Marshall Army Air Field - Wednesdays, Camp Forsyth - Thursdays and Custer Hill/Other Areas - Fridays.

Leaves to be removed by the leaf vacuum should be raked/piled in rows on the lawn area adjacent to the curb, but not on the curb or street. Leaf piles must not contain grass clippings, limbs or other heavy debris that would interfere with the vacuum operation. The leaf vacuum will operate through November as long as necessary to complete fall leaf removal.

Housing occupants desiring to confine leaves in trash bags may place these bags adjacent to the trash carts for pick-up by the trash collection contractor on regular pick-up days. Bagged leaves should not weight any more than 40 pounds each. The trash collection contractor will not pick up leaves for activities serviced by dumpsters. Activities with dumpsters are required to haul their leaves to the yard waste compost area near building 1945, Camp Funston. Leaves may be hauled loose or in bags to compost area, but all leaves in bags must be emptied loose into the

compost. Dumpsters containing bagged or loose leaves will not be emptied.

Lutheran Service

A Lutheran (liturgical worship style) worship service is held every Sunday at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Chapel. This service is offered especially to those who are not attending a Lutheran or Liturgical style of worship service in the surrounding communities. For further information, call 239-5313 or 5711.

DoD Vehicle Decals

Important notice! Security alert! The Department of Defense Vehicle Registration Stickers are controlled forms and must be accounted for. The vehicle sticker is issued to authorized individuals for the purpose of identifying properly registered privately owned vehicles. The vehicle owner is responsible for the control of these stickers and must return them if the ownership of the vehicle is transferred. The sticker must be scraped off the window and returned to the Vehicle Registration Office in building 210. Stickers stolen or otherwise missing from a vehicle must be reported immediately to the Vehicle Registration Office or to the Military Police Desk at 239-MPMP (6767). In addition, the stickers are not transferable from one vehicle to another. When purchasing a new vehicle it must be registered with the Vehicle Registration Office. The Vehicle Registration office is open Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Friday, 1 - 4 p.m. Appointments are accepted by calling 239-3245. The office closes at 4 p.m.

Adoption Information Meeting

Learn how to adopt a child from Bulgaria, China, Ecuador, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Mongolia, the Philippines, Thailand or Vietnam at a free adoption information meeting.

Meetings are tomorrow, 10 a.m. - noon in Merriam, Kan.; Oct. 26 from 2-4 p.m. in Overland Park, Kan., and Oct. 27 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in Kansas City, Mo. For more information, call Judy Young at 816-822-2169 or visit www.holintl.org

Grief Support Group

The Fort Riley Grief Support Group will have their next meeting on Nov. 21, 6 p.m. in the annex of Kapaua Chapel. The Support Group created by parents for parents who have lost children through miscarriages, stillborn or neonatal deaths. This is an ecumenical group and everything is kept confidential. For more information, contact Anna Sherman, 784-4266, Sr. Carolyn Juene-mann, 239-4814 or Fr. Gary Fukes, 239-5007.

The Shoppe

We will have a Fall/Holiday Open House Nov. 14, 4 - 8 p.m. Stop by and enjoy our refreshments and a wide selection of fall items, as well as new holiday ideas. The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave. (just west of the Fort Riley Honor Guard Stables). Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday. Phone 239-2783.

The Thrift Shop

Christmas items are now being accepted at the Fort Riley Thrift Shop. As cooler weather approaches, keep us in mind as a fun location for your coffee group to meet. Call to schedule. If your organization is planning to solicit funding from the post Thrift Shop for your 2002-2003 community project(s), please be aware that the deadline for submitting your request is Nov. 15! Any questions, call the Thrift Shop, 784-3874 or Scott Maris, 784-2351.

Dance classes

Dance classes are being offered in ballet, jazz, tap and lyrical.

Classes are held for boys and girls 3-13 years of age. The classes are currently preparing for holiday performances. Instruction will continue through the end of the school year and will culminate with a spring recital. No new enrollments are being taken at this time without instructor permission. Contact Central Enrollment Registry at 239-1558 if you have questions. Dance camps will be held in June and July, 2003.

Museum Gift Shop

The museum gift shop is under operation of the U. S. Cavalry Association, which is a private organization on post. The store's official title is, Sutter's Store and carries a variety of merchandise associated with the cavalry and Fort Riley - to include books and special order going away gifts and prints. The store's operating hours are Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call the store at 239-2743, for more information.

Mail Training

A unit mailroom class will be held Nov. 13 and 27, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at building 319 and an official mail class will be held Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at building 319, CPAC. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 to enroll. DOD 4525.6-M, Vol II, DOD Postal Manual, requires each commander who has a unit mailroom to appoint a unit postal officer and alternate unit postal officer(s). Unit postal officers (if not involved in mail handling duties) only need to attend the class; they do not have to take a test. If unit postal officer is involved in mail handling duties, then they must have a minimum of 20 days OJT and will have to take the unit mail test. Call Sylvia at 239-5411 for more information.

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Korea 50 years ago - 'Operation Showdown' continues, Chinese trapped at Sniper Ridge

By Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

After a fake withdrawal by elements of the Republic of Korea from Sniper Ridge, the ROK 2nd Division trap the Chinese on the ridge as a part of Operation Showdown, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

Oct. 17-23 — On Oct. 17 the Eighth Army spokesman says that in the seven-day period of Oct. 8-14, U.N. troops killed an estimated 5,868 communists and wounded about 4,258 while capturing 60 prisoners.

Operation Showdown continues on the Triangle Hill complex. On Oct. 17, the 3rd Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment relieves the 2nd of the 31st in assaulting Pike's Peak with its enemy-infested cave-and-tunnel complex. After a long, intense bombardment of the hill Oct. 18, L Company troops lead the 3rd of the 17th to the top, but then immediately dig in to fight off Red counterattacks.

Enemy attempts to regain the ridge begin in the early evening of Oct. 19. Four companies have been rushed in to help the defenders before the Peak is secured the morning of Oct. 20. Captured enemy troops reveal they had been ordered to fight to the death, but the survivors who cannot break American lines begin to rush off the hill. Artillery is called in on all the approach routes over which the Chinese have to take as they "bug out."

A break in the action allows the 1st and 3rd Battalions, 32nd Infantry Regiment to relieve the 17th IR troops on Pike's Peak.

A battalion of the 28th Regi-

ment of the ROK 9th Infantry Division is fighting for possession of Hill 391, about seven miles northeast of White Horse Hill, which the division finally takes control of after a bloody battle with the Chinese on Oct. 16.

A strong enemy counterattack on Oct. 20 drives the South Koreans off 391. On Oct. 23 the ROK 51st IR counterattacks. In hand-to-hand fighting, they expel the Chinese again, and then they withdraw from the hill.

Elements of the ROK 2nd Division, as part of Operation Showdown, are battling the Chinese for control of Sniper Ridge, east of Triangle Hill. On Oct. 22 they fake a withdrawal from the ridge, then trap the Chinese who rush

to take over the vacated positions. The South Koreans kill about 1,200 Chinese in the action.

On Oct. 20 Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. Supreme Commander, rejects a communist offer of Oct. 16 to return to the conference table, but without discussing the prisoner exchange issue.

It is "nothing more than the same old package," Clark declares. The Reds approach, he says, has "created doubt in the minds of people everywhere concerning the sincerity of your expressed desire for an end to bloodshed in Korea." Only something "new or constructive" on exchange of prisoners will bring the U.N. back to Panmunjon.

B-29 Superfortresses bomb an enemy unit headquarters near

Yangdok and then hit troop areas around Pyongyang and Kunu on Oct. 20. They return Oct. 22 and smash a lead and zinc mine at Okung in northwestern Korea.

The Navy announces Oct. 21 that seven men were killed when communist shore batteries hit the destroyer Lewis Oct. 14.

Oct. 20 — South Korea President Syngman Rhee decides to respond publicly to growing U.S. sentiment that ROK troops take over the fight against the Reds. He says the ROK Army is not yet strong enough to take on the North Koreans and Chinese by itself, but "it won't take long to train our Korean boys." He says results from the special training programs for the ROK Army created by Gen. James Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, are "marvelous and a miracle."

Oct. 21 — U.S. foreign aid in loans and gifts from mid-1945 to mid-1952 reaches \$38.1 billion, with \$5.7 billion earmarked for fiscal year 1953. Only \$3.1 billion have been repaid.

Nearly \$26 billion went to Western Europe over the seven years. Britain received the most, almost \$7.2 billion, including a special \$3.75 special postwar loan. Even Russia and other countries no longer U.S. friends shared in more than \$1 billion soon after the war.

Oct. 22 — A Pentagon spokesman says 963 American casualties in Korea that were added to this week's total are the

highest for a seven-day period since July 2. The number through Oct. 17 now stands at 122,117 with 21,377 killed.

Gen. Clark announces that tours for rear-area troops in Korea will be lengthened, but frontline soldiers will not have to serve the extra half-month recently added to their nine-month combat tours by the Pentagon. Combat troops need 36 points to rotate out of Korea, and they earn four points a month. Defense Secretary Robert A. Lovett said the ordering increasing combat tours was the result of a misunderstanding.

Oct. 23 — Van Fleet states that South Korea will never have enough soldiers to hold off the communists. They need troop reinforcement, technical and logistics help to defeat both enemies.

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill briefs the House of Commons on the Oct. 3 atomic bomb test in islands near Australia. The ship carrying the bomb was "vaporized." The bomb generated one million degrees of heat and "thousands of tons" of water, along with rocks and mud from the sea bed were blasted "thousands of feet in the air and a tidal wave was caused." Churchill thinks now that the United Kingdom has joined the nuclear club, there should be "much closer American interchange."

British Marines arrive in Mombasa, Kenya, to join British soldiers and local police in fighting Mau Mau (Hidden One) terrorists. The Mau Maus have killed 50 people so far, including whites and members of various tribes.

Fort Riley continues to be a Korean War Commemorative Community through 2003.



Stop telemarketers from interrupting your dinner

By Timothy W. Thomas
Attorney, Legal Assistance Division

It's been a long day, and you are hungry and tired. You sit down to dinner, visions of tasty fried chicken dancing through your head. As you lift the first succulent morsel to your mouth, the phone rings. It's a telemarketer calling, trying to sell you a lifetime subscription to some power tool magazine. Nothing can be more frustrating than dealing with telemarketers calling you for deals you don't want during times when any normal polite person wouldn't call.

There is new hope for a disruption-free dinner in the Kansas No-Call Act. This system establishes a toll free number you can call to have your name placed on a "No-Call" list. Businesses which seek to telemarket in Kansas must first check this list, which is published quarterly and started on Oct. 1. If your number is on this list, the telemarketer cannot call you under certain circumstances. If they do call, they can face fines.

For the No-Call Act to apply to your phone number, you cannot have formed a business relationship with the telemarketer in the last 36 months, and you cannot have initiated the contact or requested the phone call.

The Act defines a telemarketer as anyone who solicits the sale of property or services, solicits credit for the sale of property or service, or solicits information to aid in the sale of property or service, and the Act covers live callers as well as automated dialer systems.

To get your number placed on this list, you must call 1-866-362-4160. It can take up to 130 days after your request before Telemarketers stop calling due to the list only coming out quarterly and businesses being given 30 days to comply. Once you are on the list, you are covered for five years, after which you must call again to keep your name current. If Telemarketers do call after you have placed your number on the No-Call list, you can call same number listed to report the violation.

So, there is hope that the next time you lift that tasty piece of chicken to your mouth at dinner, the only sound you will hear is a growling stomach and chomping mouth.

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Anesi Taufuli, Company B, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, takes cover from Laumatialelei Pelesasa, also from Company B, 4th Bn., 1st FA, during the 2002 Fort Riley Post Boxing Tournament. Pelesasa won the bout by a decision. Look for the results of the tournament in next week's Fort Riley Post.

Flag Football standings as of Oct. 21

	Wins	Losses
Northern League		
331 Signal	6	0
HHC, 1-34 AR	5	1
D 1/5 FA	3	3
B 1ST EN	2	3
HHC, 1-5 FA	2	4
B 1-34 AR	1	2
C 2/34 AR	1	5
HHC, 1ST EN	0	6

Southern League

C 70 EN	3	0
SVC, 4-1 FA	2	1
HHC, 3rd BDE	2	1
C 4-1	1	0
MEDDAC	1	1
B 4-1 FA	1	2
HHC, 4-1 FA	0	2
B 2/70 AR	0	3

Western League

HHC, 24 ID	6	0
1ST Maintenance Co	6	2
172nd Chemical	5	1
523RD MP	3	4
977 MP	2	4
568 CSE	2	4
HHC, 937 EN	1	2
82ND Medical Co	1	4
1ST Finance	1	5

Fort Riley Middle School beats Wamego in final game of season

By William Biles
Staff writer

Fullback Terrance Hannah and Tailback Boyce Banks helped lead the Fort Riley Middle School Troopers seventh grade football team to a decisive 46 - 38 win over the Wamego Middle School's Red Raiders Oct. 17.

The victory broke a three game losing streak for the Troopers and let them finish the season with a 3 - 4 record.

"With it being the last game of the season, I'm glad we went out like this," said the Troopers head coach, Mark Ellner. "But, win or lose, they'll have fun."

Quarterback Deandre Simmons broke the game open with a touchdown early in the first quarter on a rollout play.

The key point of the game, said Ellner, came when linebacker Alexander Melius recovered a fumble by the Raiders and then

made an interception on the Raider's next possession. The Troopers scored on both turnovers by Melius to give them a three-touchdown lead.

Hannah and Banks each scored two touchdowns on rushes, adding more points to the score-board.

"We've been a big play team this year, most of our scores have come from big plays," Ellner said.

The Troopers converted points on all of their possessions in the first half, which gave them a 40-14 lead by half time, and no need to look back.

The Troopers' defense also gave their team a hand by stopping the Raiders on most of their two-point conversions.

"Our defense was awesome in the first three games of the season," said Ellner.

They had a little trouble playing the school teams where they all knew each other and grew up

together, he added. "The defense has gotten back in the game today."

The Raiders mounted a bit of a comeback late in the game, coming within eight points of the Troopers. However, the Troopers held strong and won the game.

Although the Troopers finished the season with three wins and four losses, Ellner feels it was a winning season since it has been the best record Fort Riley Middle School has had in awhile.

It's hard to teach the kids in a military atmosphere, where they will rarely know each other. Whereas, in the public schools all the kids grow up together and know each other's strengths and weaknesses, said Ellner.

"This is as much raw talent as this school has seen in awhile," Ellner said. Some of these guys are going to make their high school football coaches very happy, he added.



Fort Riley Middle School's Boyce Banks hits a hole in the Wamego Red Raiders defensive line during their last game of the season.

Cameron Springs offers anglers rainbow trout

By Alan Hynek
DES Biologist

Rainbow trout in Kansas? It's true. The popular fish that conjures up visions of casting artificial flies into a cold mountain stream can also be found on Fort Riley. Although we don't have the mountain streams, we do have cold, and we do have trout. And with a little imagination, Cameron Springs can be a high mountain lake in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. OK, that might be a little bit of a stretch.

Cameron Springs was one of

the first places in the state of Kansas to provide trout fishing. Over the years, it has provided enjoyment to many, including military and civilians. On Oct. 16, the Fort Riley trout season officially commenced, with the first stocking of approximately 1000 rainbow trout. The fish average 11 inches in length and one half

On the Wildside: pound in weight. A total of five stockings are planned for October through May.

Rainbow trout are not native to the state of Kansas. They were originally found in the lakes and streams draining the Pacific slope, from Alaska to northern Baja, Mexico, as well as the Pacific coastal streams of Asia. The first stocking of rainbows in the eastern states occurred in 1880, when the U.S. Fish Commission delivered rainbows originating near McCloud River, Calif. The species can now be found throughout the United States and many countries around the world. They are best adapted to cool waters that contain higher concentrations of oxygen. During the months of October to May, Cameron Springs meets those requirements.

Fort Riley receives trout from the Neosho National Fish Hatchery in Neosho, Mo. The hatchery was established in 1888 as the first federal hatchery west of the Mississippi. The hatchery is operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its primary mission is to provide fish for Lake Taneycomo and surrounding impound-

News About Nature: ments. Another part of their mission is to provide hatchery fish for reimbursement, which is how we get our fish at Fort Riley. The hatchery supports a number of threatened and endangered species and non-game elements throughout the region, including protection of the blind Ozark cavefish.

Fishing at Cameron Springs requires a Fort Riley Trout Permit or Conservation Permit. These can be purchased at the Outdoor Recreation Center, building 9011. Their hours of operation are Monday, Thursday, Friday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. They are closed Tuesday and Wednesday. These permits are free to military grades E1 - E4, children under 16 years of age and people 65 years and older. The number of fish stocked is depen-

dant upon the average number of trout permits sold in previous years.

The state of Kansas has recently started a trout fishing program, stocking 23 impoundments throughout the state. The Mined Land Wildlife Area and Tuttle Creek Deep Stream are capable of supporting trout year around. A Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Trout Stamp is required to fish in waters stocked by KDWP. The \$10.50 stamp is not required on Fort Riley.

A Youth Fishing Derby is again planned for this spring at Cameron Springs. The event is an opportunity to introduce kids (and adults) on Fort Riley to the unique opportunity of fishing for trout. Please check with the Outdoor Recreation Center or Conservation Division in early in 2003 for more details.

In the meantime, get out your imagination and hit the Fort Riley version of a Rocky Mountain trout stream.

For more information, visit the Conservation Division, building 1020 or call 239-6211. You may also visit our website at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Recreation/OutdoorFishing/>

K-State loses to Texas; loses shot at title match

By Christie Vanover
Staff Writer

K-State lost its chance at a Big XII Conference title last week-end as it literally "kicked" its way out of the tournament after losing to the University of Texas Longhorns, 14-17.

K-State's kicker, Jared Britte, had an off night Saturday as he kicked 0 for 2, eventually costing the Wildcats the chance to tie the game.

During the first quarter, neither team's offense absorbed the energy projected by the 50,659 screaming fans. The quarter ended scoreless, and KSU only earned one first down in the 15 minutes.

"There were a few times I felt I should have gotten rid of the ball, but the situation at hand caused me to hold on to the ball a little longer," said Eli Roberson, KSU quarterback. "Offensively, we couldn't get ourselves going, and we were killing ourselves with penalties every time we had a good drive...we have to go to the chalkboard and minimize mistakes for the next game."

Texas quarterback Chris Simms herded up the Longhorns at the start of the second quarter with a 39-yard touchdown pass to B.J. Johnson. Dusty Mangum's kick added the extra point.

"Offensively, we made the plays we had to make because people usually don't run up and down the field against their (K-State's) defense. You have to make some big plays, and I'm really proud of B.J. Johnson. You can tell he's the receiver who's been practicing," said Texas Head Coach, Mack Brown.

Within three minutes, the Wildcats returned with a touchdown by Nick Hobeisel. However, Texas' Kalen Thornton blocked Britte's point after kick.

More than half way into the third quarter, Simms threw a 2-

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A participant in last year's Cameron Springs Fishing Rodeo holds up her catch.





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FORSCOM, TRADOC ask AAFES to remove ephedra products

By Jim Caldwell

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Training and Doctrine Command has joined with Forces Command in asking the Army Air Force Exchange Service to remove products containing ephedra, a compound normally found in diet products.

What prompted the requests was the death of a soldier at Fort Hood, Texas, who collapsed and died during a run in

late April, according to FORSCOM officials.

"This soldier was likely taking a nutritional supplement containing a combination of the herbs Ma Huang and Guara," said Dr. (Col.) Bernard DeKoning, TRADOC Surgeon. "Of concern are the supplements containing Ma Huang or ephedra, which is a naturally occurring form of the drug ephedrine. That is why this request for removing ephedra-containing products from AAFES shelves for six months until the findings from the

Department of Health and Human Services are released."

According to a National Football League press release, which FORSCOM obtained, the NFL banned ephedra use among the players beginning July 1. They have added it to the list of substances they test athletes for.

A naturally occurring form of the drug ephedrine, ephedra is called a "fat burner." By burning fat and working out, soldiers feel they can raise their muscles mass, DeKoning said.

"One side effect of ephedra is that it increases the heart rate and puts more strain on the heart," he said.

"The sale of ephedra-containing products by facilities on TRADOC installations is seen by our soldiers as an affirmation that their use is safe and acceptable."

"Soldiers participate in physically strenuous activity, often times in harsh environmental conditions such as high heat and humidity. If a cardiac stimulant such as ephedra is in the bloodstream, the

heart and the rest of the body may not withstand the strain."

The TRADOC Surgeon is in synch with the FORSCOM Surgeon in proposing to their respective leaders that AAFES should be asked to remove nutritional supplements containing ephedra.

"We have installations that are a mixture of FORSCOM and TRADOC, for instance, Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Bliss, Texas," he said. "It's an obligation to those soldiers and to our own throughout TRADOC."

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yard touchdown pass to David Thomas, allowing the Longhorns to expand their lead. Mangum's second point after kick was good.

K-State answered in the fourth quarter with a touchdown and two-point conversion, tying the game.

Fans went wild as the players on the field waved their arms in the air soliciting cheers.

With just 1:32 left on the clock, Mangum was called upon to make a 27-yard field goal.

"All of a sudden, they (KSU fans) were chanting," Mangum said. "It was really ridiculous. I was really glad that I got that kick and was able to shove it in their face."

Kansas State's chance at victory was ticking away with the clock, but with seven seconds left,

the Wildcats reached field goal range and Britte hit the field again.

"I was hoping to get the chance to do that," he said. "I really wanted to come back and redeem myself. I wanted more than anything to kick that ball...I just took my steps back and over and hit the ball. It felt good, but someone got a hand up and got it down."

Marcus Tubbs blocked the kick, lassoing a Longhorn victory. Britte's teammates and Head Coach Bill Snyder don't blame Britte.

"You can't put the blame on him. Offensively, we had our chances. The defense held them as best as they could. We just couldn't get the ball in the end zone. We win as a team and lose as a team. We really can't point a finger at anybody. It is a team effort," said

Offensive Lineman Nick Leckey.

"I thought we had our moments," said Snyder. "It was kind of hit or miss. A young guy lines up to do that, he wants to win as badly as anyone else and he gives it his very best effort and it didn't happen...Those are two snaps out of 150 in the ball game. Don't tell me we didn't have ample opportunities to win this ball game and we had ample opportunities to lose it outside of that."

K-State's next game is tomorrow, 2 p.m., at Baylor in Waco, Texas.

Bevo, Texas Longhorn's mascot, rallies behind Texas running back, B.J. Johnson, as he catches a 39-yard pass for the team's first touchdown against K-State.



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Three stilt walkers pump up the crowd during K-State's game against Texas last Saturday.

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